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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

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AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

CINCPAC

S E C R E T SINGAPORE 2405

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3

TAGS: MARR, MPOL, SN, NZ, UK

SUBJECT: USN ACCESS TO SINGAPORE NAVAL FACILITIES

REF: LONDON 7941

1. EMBASSY HAS FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON FCO PAPER REPORTED  
REFTEL:

A. WHILE JUDGEMENT OF HOW WELL PROPOSED UK ARRANGEMENTS  
WITH DESIGNATED GOS AGENCY MAY MEET USN NEEDS RESTS  
WITH USN AND CINCPAC, WE WISH TO POINT OUT THREE  
POINTS THAT COULD PRESENT DIFFICULTIES. THESE ARE:

(A) ACCESS TO THE BERTHS IS ASSURED  
"PROVIDED REASONABLE NOTICE IS GIVEN."  
UK HICOM HERE INDICATES THAT WHEN THIS  
PHRASE WAS DISCUSSED IN UK-GOS NEGOTIATIONS  
GOS INDICATED THAT THIS REFERRED TO  
REGULAR DIPLOMATIC CLERANCE PROCEDURES --  
NORMALLY ABOUT 30 DAYS ADVANCE NOTICE.  
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THIS WOULD NOT MEET OUR INTEREST IN  
OBTAINING PRIORITY ACCESS TO BERTHS ON  
SHORT NOTICE.

(2) THE SUBJECT OF BERTHING FEES IS LEFT OPEN.  
OUR EXPERIENCE WITH OPEN FEES IN DEALING  
WITH GOS COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES LEADS US  
TO BELIEVE FEES WOULD BE QUITE HIGH.

(3) COMMERCIALIZATION OF FUEL DEOPT INTRODUCES  
ANOTHER PROFIT SEEKING ACTIVITY INVOLVED  
IN FUEL SUPPLY. WHILE THE MOST IMMEDIATE  
IMPACT IS ON PRICE, IT MIGHT ALSO INHIBIT  
A FLEXIBLE RESPONSE TO URGENT OPERATIONAL  
NEEDS -- ESPECIALLY IF IT INVOLVED  
DISRUPTING THE PROFITABLE SERVICING  
OF COMMERCIAL VESSELS.

B. NEW ZEALAND MILITARY HAVE INFORMALLY INDICATED TO  
NAVATT THAT IF GNZ MANAGED THESE BERTHS USE OF  
BERTH 7 BY U.S. NPWS WOULD POSE NO PROBLEM  
FOR THEM. EMBASSY WELLINGTON MAY WISH TO  
COMMENT FURTHER ON THIS POINT. BRITISH WILL NO  
LONGER HAVE SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL TO STAFF SEMBAWANG  
NUCLEAR SAFETY PLAN AFTER OCTOBER, AND WILL THEN RELY ON  
SINGAPORE ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL TO IMPLEMENT THE SAFETY  
PLAN FOR UK NPWS. EMBASSY ANTICIPATES GOS MAY OBJECT TO USE  
OF BERTH 7 BY U.S. NPWS UNTIL SOME BILATERAL UNDERSTANDING  
ON NUCLEAR SAFETY IS WORKED OUT. (SEE EMBASSY'S  
4868 OF DECEMBER 5, 1974 FOR BACKGROUND.) ALTHOUGH  
NEW ZEALAND MILITARY MAY POSE NO OBJECTION TO  
USE OF BERTH 7 BY U.S. NPWS, WE ASSUME THEY  
WOULD NOT "FRONT" FOR US WITH GOS ON ANY ISSUES  
CONCERNING NPWS, BUT WOULD EXPECT U.S. TO  
SATISFY ANY GOS CONCERNS THROUGH BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS.  
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